

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### *\* Operation Good Neighbor \**

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Katrina hit the State of Florida on August 25, 2005 and on August 29, 2005 struck land again in the states of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi devastating the states, cities, towns and citizens of them; and

**WHEREAS**, a national state of emergency exists due to the catastrophic impacts of Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of thousands of individuals have no shelter, food, water or clothing as a result of the total devastation of their homes, neighborhoods and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona has accepted the request of the federal government to receive evacuees from the disaster areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona, is working together with public, private and volunteer disaster relief partners to prepare for the arrival, care, sheltering, and short and long-term needs of the evacuees; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona will also provide assistance and resources to the disaster area through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-402; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor is authorized to declare an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 (D); and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has authorized the expenditure of funds in an event of an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State, do hereby determine that Hurricane Katrina and the resultant Operation Good Neighbor, justifies a declaration of a State of Emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303(D), and I do hereby:

- a. Declare that a State of Emergency exists in order to provide support for Hurricane Katrina evacuees effective August 31, 2005 and continuing; and
- b. Direct that the sum of \$200,000 from the general fund be made available to the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to be expended in accordance with A.R.S. § 35-192, A.A.C. R8-2-301 to 321, and Executive Order 79-4; and
- c. Direct that the State of Arizona Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be used to direct and control state and other assets and authorize the Director of the Arizona Division of Emergency Management to coordinate state assets; and

- d. Authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize and call to activate all or such part of the Arizona National Guard as is determined necessary to assist in the protection of life and property throughout the State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



*J. T. Nagel*  
**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this third day of September in the Year Two Thousand Five and of the independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

**ATTEST:**

*Janice K. Brewer*  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**